

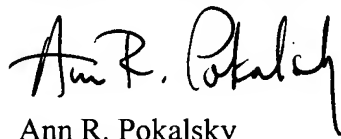
REMARKS

A Notice Regarding Benefit/Priority Claims was mailed December 8, 2003 (copy enclosed). In the Notice, it was indicated that "Prior-Filed Nonprovisional Application has been Improperly Indicated as the National State (35 U.S.C. 371) of an International Application."

In response to the Notice, Applicants submit this amendment for entry in the above-identified application. By this amendment, the present application has been amended to properly recite priority. Specifically, under "Cross Reference to Related Applications" parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/526,597 was previously indicated as a section 371 application. By this amendment, the reference has been corrected to indicate that U.S. Serial No. 09/526,597 is a continuation application of International Application No. PCT/EP98/05895. A copy of the inventors' declaration originally submitted in parent Application Serial No. 09/526,597, and indicating the correct priority has been previously submitted in the parent application.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants also submit herewith, a request for a corrected filing receipt with the relevant changes indicated in red.

Respectfully submitted,



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